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FORMER CAREGIVER IS SENTENCED FOR ASSAULT

WASHINGTON – James A. Little, Jr., 49, a former employee of Innovative Life Solutions, a District of Columbia residential provider for persons with cognitive disabilities, has been sentenced for assaulting a vulnerable person in his care, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen, Jr. and District of Columbia Inspector General Charles J. Willoughby announced today.

Little, of Washington, D.C., was found guilty on June 20, 2010 of assault after a trial before the Honorable Judge Harold L. Cushenberry, Jr. in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. On December 7, 2010, the judge sentenced Little to 180 days in jail, with all suspended except 90 days, and one year of supervised probation.

Judge Cushenberry also barred Little from working with the vulnerable population, and ordered him to attend anger management counseling and to pay \$50 towards the Victim of Violent Crime Compensation Act fund.

According to testimony at trial, on January 19, 2010, Little was caring for the adult with cognitive disabilities. Witnesses who worked in the area testified they saw Little use his hand to hit the victim two to five times about the head, shoulder, and hand.

In announcing the sentence, U.S. Attorney Machen and Inspector General Willoughby praised the work of investigators Allen Johnson and Jacqueline Franklin and former patient abuse investigator Jonathan Rich of the Office of the Inspector General Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU), and Metropolitan Police Department Officer William Burke. They also commended the work of Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard DiZinno and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Jacqueline N. Schesnol of the MFCU who jointly prosecuted the case.

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